

## **NDE Bulletin**

October 7, 2010

### **ARRA/ESEA Update Telecast**

#### **ARRA Update**

An ARRA/ESEA Update will be telecast on NET SAT Channel 105 (State Channel 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central) on Monday, October 18, 2010. The telecast will be no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by Monday morning, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, on the NCLB homepage at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm> A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast.

This ARRA/ESEA Update will review the processes for AYP and PLAS, teacher/principal evaluation and other new data collections initiated in the 2009-10 school year.

#### **Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools**

**The Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools (PLAS) information is now on the Audit AYP Data link in the Preview State of the Schools Report 2009-10 found in the Portal under Data Collections. The State of the Schools Report 2009-10 will be released to the public on October 20, 2010. Please see below.**

#### **ESEA – NCLB Consolidated Application**

The due date for the NCLB Consolidated Application has been extended to October 15, 2010.

#### **NEW REPORT: 2010-2011 Teacher Vacancy Survey – Opens October 15 and Closes November 15**

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The Teacher Vacancy Survey is sent annually to all Nebraska public school districts for the purpose of gathering data relating to teacher supply. The information collected from survey responses is essential in determining official teacher shortage areas for the state. Teachers employed to teach in a content area that has been designated as an official teacher shortage area may be eligible for a number of state and federal assistance programs, including teacher loan forgiveness and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching forgivable loan program.

The Teacher Vacancy Survey opens October 15 and is due November 15. The survey can be found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.

#### **Reminders:**

#### **CHANGED: Opening date for the State of the Schools Report**

In order to provide a State of the Schools Report that is complete with NeSA, AYP and PLAS decisions and provide preview time for districts, we are moving the opening of the State of the Schools Report for 2009-10 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the State of the Schools Report will be available for media and districts on a special site containing embargoed data. This pre-release of embargoed data will allow you to prepare your staff and board members for the data that will be released on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Betty VanDeventer of NDE will be sending a separate email to Superintendents with instructions on how to access this data.

Part of the reason for the delay has been due to implementing the new AYP changes for very small schools. A new set of AYP decisions will be included by Thursday morning (October 7, 2010) on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-10 (in the Portal under Data Collections).

**NSSRS Student Data Due October 15 (Revisions Accepted until October 29)**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-2556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The following NSSRS templates are due **October 15** (revisions accepted through October 29).

- Student
- October Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2010-10-01')
- School Enrollment
- October Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2010-10-01')
- Programs Fact: Early Childhood

Revisions to Staff Snapshot and Staff Assignment are also accepted through October 29. Please refer to the 2010-2011 NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Calendar.htm>) for additional information.

**NSSRS Validation #439 and "Summer Transfers"**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-2556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

NSSRS Validation #439 (No Current School Enrollment Record for a High School Student Enrolled In The Previous Year) identifies all high school students (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12) reported in 2009-2010 but not in 2010-2011. A School Enrollment record is required for these students indicating their current status. For example, a School Enrollment record with an Enrollment Code of "201" (Transfer out) would be provided for a student documented to have transferred out. Another common example is an Enrollment Code of "205" (Not Enrolled; Eligible to Return) for students whose status is currently unknown. When the student withdrew will determine for which school year the School Enrollment template must be submitted. 2009-2010 records can be submitted during the "2009-10 Resubmission" window open from October 16 to November 10.

**CDC: Instructions for Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection**

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The "Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection" is due **October 10**. Instructions for this collection are in the "Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions" section on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>), which now include additional examples, screen prints, and frequently asked questions.